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REMARKS

This is in response to the Communication mailed January 11, 2006, requiring election among the Group I claims 1-8, 19, and 20; Group II claims 9-16; and Group III claims 17-18.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I claims 1-8, 19, and 20 and also new claim 21 added by this Preliminary Amendment.

As also required on page 2 of the communication under 35 USC 121, Applicants elect for prosecution the species (a.) on which claims 1-8, 19, and 20 and also new claim 21 are readable.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee for new claim 21 to my deposit account No. 20-1124.

Applicants also ask the examiner to acknowledge receipt of the IDS's submitted December 24, 2004, and January 6, 2005.

Favorable consideration of this RESPONSE is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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